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Lynda Deschambault
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. EPA Region 9 (SFD-7-1)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Deschambault:

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank you for your presentation regarding the Omega plume at our Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 19th. As indicated to you at the meeting, the City Council feels strongly that a workshop is needed in the City of Norwalk to allow for resident input in this process, especially since this plume impacts our community. Our staff can assist by securing a room at one of our facilities for this purpose. As the deadline for the public comment period is quickly approaching, please let us know how soon a meeting can be scheduled and when notifications will be mailed.

In addition, we would like to express the City's concern with the data provided at the meeting. We understand that the data used to compile the "Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study" document dates back to 2007. At the Council meeting, you indicated that the plume is moving at a speed of approximately 500 feet per year. The City would like to request 2010 data regarding the location of the plume today. The maps shown at the meeting indicate the southern portion of the plume extending south of Imperial around Norwalk Blvd. and east of Bloomfield Avenue. Again, these maps were drafted using 2007 data. Please send us a map that indicates where the plume is located today, given the minimum rate of movement of 500 feet per year.

The other concern that was raised is the placement of three proposed extraction wells, which are shown on the map directly in our Civic Center area. We understand based on your report that details regarding the specific number and location of the wells will be determined at a later time. However, the City is

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deeply concerned with the aesthetics of these facilities and impact they may have in this area. We would like to formally request to be included in these discussions and that all City permitting requirements be followed.

Staff will be reviewing EPA's "Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study" for Operable Unit 2 in more detail and a follow up comment letter from the City may be submitted with regards to the preferred alternative being selected.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Adriana Figueroa, Administrative Services Manager at (562) 929-5915.

Sincerely



Gordon Stefenhagen
Mayor